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Looks Around Our Town

The Bystander

By JIM CONWAY

Late last year, the Army Corps of Engineers announced it was studying the feasibility of expanding the Mt. Morris dam and establishing a hydroelectric power plant in the gorge of the Genesee River. Expected howls of protest followed from various sectors, both private and public.

Those in the public arena are taking further action. Noting their opposition to any "inappropriate" uses of the picturesque gorge in Letchworth State Park, Assemblymen John Hasper and Bill Paxon have disclosed they are sponsoring legislation to declare the area a recreational river under the state's Environmental Conservation Law. They explain that such a state designation of a "wild, scenic or recreational" river on a site precludes any kinds of detrimental economic development.

The lawmakers pointed out that the construction of the dam in Mt. Morris was only allowed to control flooding and was not an opening for further encroachment of park lands. They emphasize that William Pryor Letchworth donated this land for the enjoyment of people because the gorge is a beautiful and unusual feature of the landscape and that he would have wanted it to remain forever a scenic and recreational parkland.

They have a point there. We should again point out that the Corps of Engineers is only conducting a feasibility study and

any proposal is many years in the future. So let's wait and see.

Speaking of waterways, nearly 40 million tons of cargo moved through the St. Lawrence Seaway last year in its 29th season, eclipsing the previous mark of 37 million tons. The gain could continue this year as the weakening dollar makes North American exports more attractive to European buyers.

And that's good news to Jim Emery, our former sheriff and longtime assemblyman, who is Seaway administrator. While he still has his home outside Genesee, he and his wife, Jill, probably don't see much of their property. She is holding an administrative position in Washington. Jim recently announced that trade missions to Europe and North Africa this year would stress the increased value of Great Lakes exports, especially grain.

A report received this year says the odds against being hit by a meteorite in any given year are 10 trillion to one. But you must admit that one hit sure could hurt.

Saturday will be a fun-filled time at the Hunt Hollow clubhouse on Route 36 near Arkport.

It will bring the organization's annual "Ride for Hope" which opens with a pancake breakfast at 10 a.m. They'll need snow for the rest of it. The ride is a 25-mile

snowmobile journey in the area. Proceeds from the event go to the American Cancer Society.

Hot tubs, Hollywood and the giant Sequoia may belong to California, but earthquakes can happen right here in New York State as well.

According to officials at the State's Museum's Geological Survey, about 20 to 100 quakes are detected each year in New York. At least two or three are strong enough to rattle dishes, crack windows and spread a little fear.

The largest in this state shook the Massena area in 1984 with two shocks measuring 5.6 and 4.5 on the Richter Scale. Although not powerful enough to collapse buildings, considerable damage was reported.

We may get a tremor or two, but the big ones happen on the West Coast and scientists predict a real biggie is coming along there one of these days.

The bookies took a beating on Sunday's Super Bowl. And how come there were so many more Redskin fans at halftime than before the kickoff?

We knew Washington would win. Louie VanDurne told us that very morning on the way to church. A tip under such circumstances should not be overlooked.

Have a good day and a nice forever.

ALBANY REPORT

By Assemblyman John Hasper

As we look to 1988 and the future, New York State, local governments and state residents face a serious problem of solid waste disposal. It is not only of top priority this year but may well be the crisis of the 1990s. It is a burden each of us share equally.

For many years I have been outspoken about the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) being as much a part of the problem as the solution. As quickly as DEC ordered 80 percent of the state's 311 landfills to close, the more they dragged their feet in developing a comprehensive alternative plan for trash disposal. Instead, DEC has had a revolving door of policies, causing financial distress for local governments.

In the absence of direction by DEC, local governments have been left frustrated, angry and broke. We have witnessed firsthand the difficulties in local development of the Genesee-Livingston-Orleans-Wyoming (GLOW) county solid waste treatment plan and the Allegany-Cattaraugus treatment plan.

Make no mistake, I am not for one minute blaming local DEC officials who have done their best to carry out the policies set in Albany. This is purely a problem at the highest policy-making level.

I feel somewhat gratified that the governor indicated in the State of the State Address that he feels the same way. This state must do a better job of living up to its responsibilities in this area. But I'm afraid that's where the

governor and I part company.

The governor wants to divide responsibility along traditional roles: state supervision and local removal. But times have changed, and operating costs are skyrocketing. DEC can't walk away from this problem.

Assembly Republicans support a plan under which localities would be given state assistance for processing solid waste in approved treatment facilities at a rate of \$20 per ton. This would help offset operating costs and finance construction of new, expensive burn plants and resource recovery facilities.

Any proposed plan should include elements for waste reduction, research and development of advanced technologies, recycling, strict controls for locating landfills and incineration plants, and state technical assistance to municipal governments.

Many of you expressed your opinion on this subject in my recent legislative questionnaire. When given a choice of alternatives, 52.9 percent favored recycling, 23.8 percent supported incineration, and 23.3 percent were undecided.

What is clear is that the problem is bigger than one town or county. Solid waste has no boundaries. A polluted stream in one town may affect drinking water in the next county. Any solution will have to be based on "regional" waste management facilities in order to be economically feasible.

This state must come to terms

with this 18-million-tons-a-year problem. I would like to see DEC promulgate rules and regulations for a policy for a minimum of a five-year period. This would enable localities to respond adequately to DEC mandates.

Many people say recycling and resource recovery are the keys to waste management in the future. But for it to work, I believe we must reprogram our behavior. As Americans, we've grown accustomed to having unlimited resources and not worrying about the consequences of our consumer-oriented society.

In Japan, separation of garbage for recycling is fundamental daily behavior. It is a responsibility the people accept for the sake of their own environment. This kind of responsibility must be taught at an early age in our elementary schools. Since behavioral changes do not come overnight, any new program should be phased in over time.

It comes down to a question of whether the DEC is going to be a help to municipalities or continue to be just a policing force.

The Long Island garbage barge fiasco was just the tip of the iceberg. We're in the 11th hour and we need statewide direction now.

If they say we can't afford it, I say we can't afford not to act. It'll get us now, or get us later.

The only viable route is to devise an environmentally sound way of disposing of our waste and share the cost of disposal between the state and municipalities.

Old Photo Album



FIRING LINE — In the mid-1930's, local skeet enthusiasts gathered at the Dansville Fish and Game Club layout then located alongside Route 36 just before it reaches the hill at Stony Brook. In the foreground of the picture is Charles W. McNair. The Fish and Game Club left this location to take possession of the Deer Park property on Gibson Street in 1945. The photo here is from Dana W. Lyman. (Wilfred J. Rauber)

Yesteryears — A Look at History

Old Zimmerhackle — Observations, philosophy, humor and advice by Joseph W. Burges, co-founder and editor of the Breeze before the turn of the century.

Egotistical as men are, they are all willing to admit that their wives can beat them at kindling a fire in the morning.

A Pennsylvania woman is living without a stomach. Lots of us have hard work to live with one. She's in luck.

Men stand at a bar and nibble at a lunch that is so rank that if it were served to them at home they would go into spasms.

—J.W.B.

—1892—
A Post Office will be established in the Erie depot at Hornellsville for the employees of the Erie road.

We prophesy that within a year there will be a gymnasium in the Union School building. There should be, by all means.

—1906—
One of the handsome horses that courses up and down the boulevard is the horse purchased by E. H. Maloney and James Finn at the horse sale in New York City a week ago.

Regents results in spelling at the school: Agnes Albert, 84; Anoto Brown, 92; Allene Buckner, 90; Lucy Elder, 98; Clifford Lemen, 94.

—1918—
On Feb. 1, the Jackson Health Resort will formally be taken over as a government hospital for soldiers.

Fire destroyed the interior of the home of H. F. Dyer in upper Main St. Firemen battled the flames in 14 below zero weather. The family escaped with only their clothing and took shelter in the home of W. H. Rowan. Mrs. James Kramer and Dr. E. R. Griewold served hot coffee to the fire fighters.

—1923—
The graduating class of St. Patrick's School has elected Richard Reilly, president, and

Mary Welch, secretary.

The Powers Inn Club has voted to purchase the land on which the Inn is located — comprising one and a half acres. It is now owned by E. H. Maloney.

It is rumored that Joe Genewich of Elmira, who pitched for the local K. of C. team in 1921, may be traded to the Cincinnati Red Legs.

—1932—
Twenty-seven members of the Dansville American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps serenaded Jacob Fries at his home the other day in observance of his birthday. Jake organized the Corps here 10 years ago.

Robert W. Stackel of Rochester has accepted the call given him by the congregation of St. Paul's United Lutheran Church to become pastor upon his ordination in June.

—1942—
The thermometer registered 12 degrees below zero at the airport weather station Sunday morning. C. C. Bateman has sold Bateman Motors Inc., the Hornell auto agency, to a new corporation comprised of employees of the agency over there.

—1952—
Timing its appeal with the national observance of "Be Thankful You Can See" week, the Dansville Lions Club yesterday launched its annual Sight Seal campaign. Rich McCaffery is chairman of the project.

Fire Chief Al Holbrook estimated damage at \$200 from the fire in the John Kennedy house on the Groveland Rd. Sunday afternoon.

A record-breaking \$1,080 contribution of the March of Dimes came this week from Local 1665, International Association of Machinists at Foster Wheeler Corp.

Airman Terry Kline of Dansville has been reassigned by the Air Force to a post at Barrington, Nova Scotia.

The three members of a family felled by smoke and gas in their home on the Wayland Rd. are

recovering satisfactorily in Dansville Memorial Hospital. Overcome by fumes when a chimney became clogged with ice and snow and backed up into the house were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adamson and their daughter, Sylvia.

—1962—
A Livingston County delegation which included Dansville Supervisor Robert Hart and Social Services Commissioner Robert Fox called for changes in the Medicaid program and hit several specific provisions of the medical assistance program at a public hearing in Elmira last week.

A Dansville Naval officer has been decorated for bravery by the South Vietnam government for action in a 1966 engagement against the Viet Cong. Lt. Cmdr. Robert F. McCullough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCullough of Wayland Rd., has received the Gallantry Cross with a Silver Star. The Dansville man previously received the U. S. Silver Star Medal as a result of the same battle in July of 1966 during which he was wounded.

Robert Crotser and Vincent Whiteman will represent the Dansville and Sparta Center churches at a Methodist Laymen's dinner in Genesee tonight.

—1972—
Two bids on the Bankers Meadows sewer extension project came in under estimates and within about \$400 of each other Tuesday afternoon.

Gene A. Cornell of Zeffess Rd., Dansville, will be among the 148 troopers who will receive diplomas from the New York State Police Academy tomorrow in Albany.

Betty Sauerbier has noticeably added a woman's touch to the town clerk's office in North Dansville. She was elected to the post last November.

Ralph E. Fox, manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Corp. operation in Dansville, was installed vice-president at a recent meeting of the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce in Genesee.

Editor's Mailbox Our Readers Speak Out

Editor, The EXPRESS, I am sure by now everyone knows, that Dr. Dolan sold his practice in Wayland and will be retiring this year.

I would publicly like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Dolan for his many years of dedication and friendship.

I personally saw this man, go the homes of patients who were unable to come to the office; come in on his day off to take care of someone in pain, even if they weren't one of his patients; make a "nervous" patient feel assured and show genuine concern for all his patients well being. Not only is Dr. Dolan a former employer but he has been a family friend for years and I feel anyone who knows him, knows of what I am speaking.

I "thank-you" Dr. D., for your friendship and all that you taught me about dental hygiene. Sometimes even though change is inevitable, it's still hard to accept that you won't be there to listen to all the "twinges and aches." You will definitely be missed! May retirement be as good to you, as you have been to your patients and practice over the years. God Bless You.

Mary Jo Vernam
Park Hills Dr.
Dansville

Editor, The EXPRESS,
I notice in the Jan. 28 Express that the Village Board is extend-

ing winter by a month in this area.

On this 50-degree day, I would hate to imagine heavy snow in Dansville on Apr. 28, let alone the 30th. I guess we had a total of four inches so far this winter. Our image as "Florida of the North" is ruined. Our April showers will now come as snow? No more springtime by Village Board degree? I refuse to move to the Florida of the South. I love it here. But, please, move winter back to March.

And tell me which side is odd, right or left? Now if I can remember which day it is, then I know if the day is odd or even—but which side is off? Where is the overhead garage for village parking please?

I'm from the country so you might think I'm odd. On the other hand, none of us out here is even, either.

Marian Ronsheim
Dansville RD 1

Editor, The EXPRESS,

In a letter to the Livingston-Stauben County Genealogical Society, Jo Ann McQuade, 1810 17th St., N.E., Salem, Ore. 97303 seeks more information about the families of Cook, McKinney, Patterson, Paul, Thompson, Walker and Watson.

A Benjamin Patterson was her fifth great, great grandfather and one of the earliest settlers of Stauben County and died in Painted Post in 1830 after serving in the Revolutionary War. The

Stauben County Historical Gazetteer has lengthy description of him and his exploits. He killed 100 deer a year! Others of her ancestors lived in Campbell, N.Y., in Lindley and Woodhull and other early pioneer settlements.

She has joined the local genealogical society here and filed her ancestor charts in hopes other descendants might like to exchange information. The society constantly receives requests for information about early Livingston and Stauben county pioneers whose descendants moved westward. The letters pour in from California, Oregon, Utah, Texas, even one from Alaska. These are referred to county and town historians for help and often names of the ancestors are found in local vital records and histories.

Genealogists in other states seldom realize that in addition to the U.S. Census, New York conducted its own census at different dates and often included much more information, such as value of house, crops grown, etc. Indexed records of these records are available at county historian offices—Genesee for Livingston County and Bath for Stauben County.

The local society meets at the Dansville Public Library and meetings resume in April after a winter recess. Further information may be obtained from by contacting me.

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